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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Staff, OSA

Deputy for Research & Development, OSA

Comptroller, OSA

Deputy for Materiel, OSA Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT:

OXCART Phase Out

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	1. I have appointed	
25X1	Chairman and Deputy, respectively, as the coordination	
•	focal point for the OXCART phase out. They are to function in this	
	capacity, in addition to their other duties, on behalf of the Office of	
	Special Activities, DD/S&T. supported by	
25X1	has been appointed to serve in a	
	similar capacity by Dr. Flax on behalf of the D/NRO.	

- 2. I expect OXCART phase out plans to be prepared and submitted to D/SA for approval prior to implementation and execution.

 Until OXCART phase out assumptions are verified (being accomplished by a Dr. Flax letter to Mr. Vance for guidance following discussions between Mr. Carl Duckett, and Dr. Flax) phase out planning will, of course, be of only a preliminary and tentative nature.
- 3. I expect maximum consultation and participation by OSA staffs and field units concerned in phase out planning and implementation.

NRO review(s) completed.

JOHN PARANGOSKY
Acting Director of Special Activities,

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OXCART Actions

Immediate:

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- 1. Suspend any further airframe and engine spares and AGE orders, except those deemed mandatory for safety of flight or otherwise deemed critical, pending reassessment.
- 2. Suspend any equipment or mod kit procurements not yet obligated (airframes, guidance, cameras, airborne electronics, pilot equipment), pending reassessment.
- 3. Suspend all development projects not yet obligated which are exclusively or primarily related to Oxcart, pending reassessment.
- 4. Suspend any Aircraft General R&D projects not yet obligated which are exclusively or primarily related to Oxcart, pending reassessment.
- 5. Suspend any new construction or facilities improvements pending reassessment.
- 6. Freeze all Oxcart-associated military personnel now and at Langley (stop all replacement actions).
 - 7. Suspend any new or replacement hiring of contractor personnel.

As Soon As Possible:

- 1. Requirement for Kadena Oxcart support (present, less, or none).
- 2. Realistic flying hour program for calendar year 1967 (including determination of flight test and training program needs). BOB/OSD study assumed a specific flying hour program.
 - 3. Reassess all actions suspended under "Immediate."
- 4. Reassess need for Lockheed sustaining engineers, and develop phase-down schedule thru Dec 1967.

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- 5. Re-examine IRAN scheduling, overhaul and repair needs (airframes, guidance, cameras, airborne electronics), 25X1 engineering services.
- 6. For Oxcart peculiar airframe and engine spares, examine base stockage levels, depot stockage levels, on order quantities, and Kadena stocks versus forecast requirements thru December 1967. Establish objective of being at absolute minimum level at end December 1967.
- 7. Determine when the radar range should be closed down, and disposition of equipment assets.
- 8. In connection with engine overhauls, determine extent to which spare engines can be used in lieu of factory overhaul. Develop new overhaul schedule accordingly.
- 9. Determine whether J58 engine R&D program for Y engines should be curtained or stopped, and when.
- 10. Determine whether any further effort on EKC Type 2
 Cameras should continue,
- 11. Re-examine procurements, mods, countermeasure developments and aircraft general R&D projects which have been obligated to date, and which are solely or primarily for Oxcart, from the standpoint of possible termination actions.
- 12. In all re-evaluations of development, procurement and mods, consider possible application or adjustment to the benefit of U-2R and/or SR-71 aircraft.

Longer Range, but Still Near-Term:

- 1. Mothballing concept and plan, including costs, location, security, etc.
- 2. Contracting concept and plan after July 1, 1967 and January 1, 1968.
- 3. Need for tanker, chase and administrative aircraft during CY1967 and after January 1, 1968.
- 4. Plan for phase-down and close-out gersonnel, equipment, supplies, costs.

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	pact on organizations (Agency,	
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